Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Martin Mahrt and Colleen (Wood) Mahrt exchanged their wedding vows on June 25, 1955, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Custer, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Martin and Colleen gave life and love to five children: Debbie, Cheri, Ann, Martin and Kathleen, who have in turn blessed their parent's lives with ten grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newly wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Martin retired as a career Air Force fighter pilot and he and Colleen have returned to their home state of South Dakota, living on the land where Martin grew up in Custer. They are enjoying retirement and playing golf and bridge; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2005, as

MARTIN AND COLLEEN MAHRT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State